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## Rockville Named 'Best City for Families' and 'Banner City'

City Tops Livability.com List, 'Banner' Recognizes City's Engaged Membership



Rockville recently earned accolades for its family friendliness and for the city's efforts to educate and engage its community about their government.

Livability.com ranked Rockville No. 1 on its list of the 10 best cities for families in the United States, based on a study by the website that examined schools, crime rate, health care and economy, among other factors. The city was recognized for its diversity, walkability and number of parks.

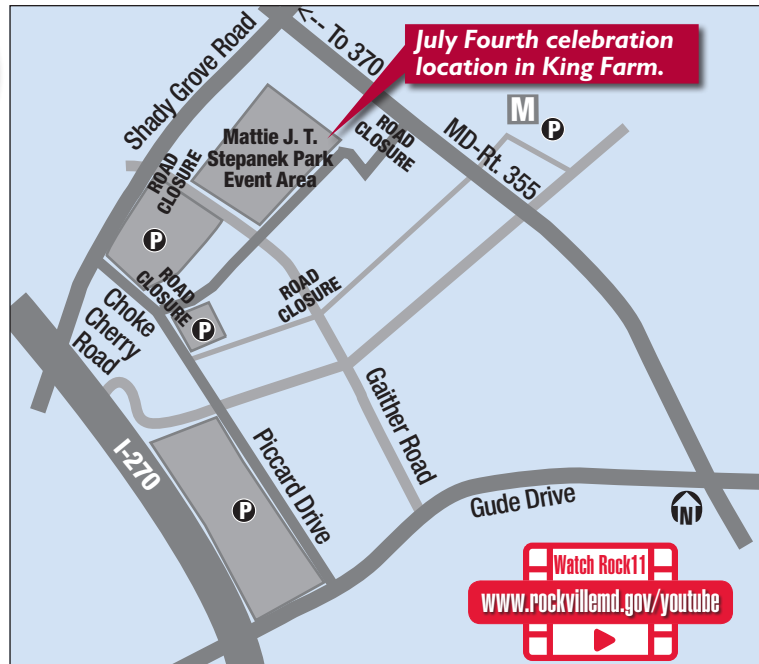
Livability gave a nod to Rockville's high graduation rate, low family poverty rate and its number of colleges and universities. Livability also noted that Rockville "consistently ranks among the best places to live by news outlets, such as Money magazine. Rockville has appeared twice on the Best Places to Live

list and makes a second showing on the list of the Best Cities for Families."

For more on the 10 Best Cities for Families, visit [www.livability.com](http://www.livability.com).

Rockville also was once again named a "Banner City" by the Maryland Municipal League, which recognizes the municipality as one of the league's most engaged members. Banner cities and towns are recognized for showcasing municipal government, working to help strengthen their membership, educating youth about municipal government, taking part in league programs and activities, and ensuring their municipality is heard on issues and legislative priorities relevant to MML members.

Find a list of this year's designated banner cities and towns at [www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1269](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1269). ❖



Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park will host the city's Independence Day celebration for a second consecutive year.

## Rockville's Independence Day Celebration Returns to King Farm

Cap off your July Fourth holiday weekend with family and friends as the city's annual Independence Day celebration returns to Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in King Farm on Monday, July 4.

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, food and beverages for an evening of live music and fireworks. The party begins at 7 p.m. with music on two

and offers free, easy access and ample parking (with convenient exits) within a short walk of the fireworks viewing areas (see map).

Parking will be available in lots bordered by Shady Grove Road, Gaither Road, Choke Cherry Road and Piccard

Drive, near the park. Several road closures are planned, and will encourage visitors

### GET THERE

**WHAT:** Independence Day Celebration

**WHEN:** Monday, July 4, 7-9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive

stages by The Nighthawks, The Fugitive Brass Quintet and the Rockville Concert Band, followed by a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display beginning at 9:15 p.m.

The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Peace Gathering will be held 5-8 p.m. at the 26-acre park, which is hosting the city's Independence Day celebration for the second consecutive year

to exit onto main roads such as Route 355 and Shady Grove Road. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

Find a full schedule, parking maps and more information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday), email special events@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. ❖

## Pike Plan Scheduled for Mayor and Council Action

A finalized "Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan" is scheduled for a decision by the Mayor and Council at their Monday, Aug. 1 meeting.

Mayor and Council meetings held May 23, June 6 and June 13 generated numerous updates and edits to a draft plan approved in March by the city's Planning Commission. Parts of the plan reviewed included the Rockville Pike cross section, the pedestrian and bicycle environment, com-

munity centers and indoor spaces, parks and open space, building heights, affordable housing, mixed uses and other topics.

Under state law, the Mayor and Council have until Wednesday, Aug. 10 to make a final decision on the plan. They could amend and approve the plan, send the plan back to the Planning Commission for additional work, reject it or take no ac-

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## City Hall Closed on July Fourth

Recycling and Refuse to be Collected a Day Later Through Friday of the Holiday Week

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will close at 6 p.m. Summer hours for individual swim center facilities can be found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter).

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on July 4 and made one day later. For more information on collection, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) or call 240-314-8568.

Parking at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information call 240-314-5000. ❖

## Rappoport Named Acting Police Chief

Community Policing to Remain a Priority Under RCPD Veteran's Leadership

Maj. Bob Rappoport, a 28-year veteran of the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD), was appointed acting chief of the department, effective June 2, following the retirement of Terrance N. Treschuk, who served as chief for 27 years.

As he has moved through the ranks of the RCPD, Rappoport's career has included a variety of responsibilities including command, at various times, of all three of the department's bureaus (Field Services, Special Operations and Administrative Services).

Rappoport intends to continue the department's legacy of community policing.

"Community policing, for our officers, is an everyday way of life for them," he said. "It's not a philosophical saying. Our Rockville city police officers go above and beyond what a typical officer would do in a city of this size anywhere else in the country."

Rappoport holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lycoming College, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



Acting Police Chief Bob Rappoport is a 28-year veteran.

In choosing a career in law enforcement, Rappoport followed in the footsteps of his older brother, whose 39-year career in law enforcement culminated as police chief for the City of Fairfax, Virginia (2001-2014) and as the deputy police chief for Amtrak's Mid-Atlantic Region (2014-2015). His sister is a financial crimes analyst for the FBI's Las Vegas Field Office. He has two teenage children.

Meet Rappoport, and hear his thoughts on training the city's police force and using technology to fight crime, in a "Rock 11 Now" report at [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube). ❖

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## Metro Track Work to Affect Service to Stations in Rockville

SafeTrack Surge Will Limit Red Line Service in August

Mid-August track work will have the most direct effect on stations serving Rockville as Metro continues its SafeTrack work plan to improve Metrorail safety and restore service reliability.

SafeTrack Surge No. 7 is scheduled to bring continuous single-tracking between the Shady Grove and Twinbrook stations from Aug. 9-18 for enhanced track maintenance, including rail, tie and fastener renewal. During that time, trains will serve Shady Grove and Rockville stations every 18 minutes (vs. regular intervals of every six minutes during a typical rush hour). All other Red Line stations will have near-normal service. Customers are encouraged to avoid the Shady Grove and Rockville stations, if possible, and use Twinbrook, White Flint or Grosvenor-Strathmore instead.

For the latest about SafeTrack, including travel alternatives, visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

From Aug. 9-18, Ride On will provide a free bus shuttle between the Grosvenor and Shady Grove stations, via Interstate 270, every 10 minutes during peak travel times. Additional buses on Ride On Route 46, which provides service from Grosvenor to Rockville via White Flint and Twinbrook, will increase bus frequency to every 10 minutes during peak travel times. Regular fares will apply. Learn more about enhanced Ride On service during SafeTrack work on the Red Line at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/).

Work that is not part of the SafeTrack plan is scheduled to bring single-tracking to the Red Line between Grosvenor and Shady Grove stations during the evening from July 3-7 and late night from July 8-11. SafeTrack work means Metrorail now closes at midnight every night, including on weekends.

Funding for Metro safety improvements and other upgrades to the rail system's aging infrastructure were a priority for federal support identified by the Mayor and Council last spring.

## City's Water Quality Receives High Marks for Safety

Includes Lead Testing Results

Rockville's drinking water is safe, the city's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report released July 1.

The report details the source, treatment, distribution, safety and quality of Rockville's drinking water. Once again in 2015, Rockville's drinking water met or exceeded all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The city is required to perform stringent lead and copper testing every three years. Results of these tests have consistently shown lead and copper at levels below where the EPA takes regulatory or remedial action. The next round of such testing will occur in September.

Learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at [www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2016](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2016). To speak with someone about the report, call 240-314-8556.



The Rockville City Police Department will celebrate National Night Out with Rockville neighborhoods on Aug. 2.

## Community and Crime Prevention on National Night Out

Block Parties Offer Opportunity to Meet Neighbors, Connect with Police Officers

Rockville neighbors are invited to celebrate their communities on Tuesday, Aug. 2, as the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) participates in National Night Out.

National Night Out is a longstanding program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch that aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships. Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring cookouts, bounce houses, carnival games and giveaways.

McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The Mayor and Council, RCPD officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office will also visit many of the gatherings.



McGruff is a favorite at National Night Out block parties.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/nno](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/nno). To register your block party, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or [kmatney@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:kmatney@rockvillemd.gov).

## Changes to 'Rockville Reports' Design

Readers this month will notice some subtle changes in the look of "Rockville Reports" to better serve our readers.

These changes include larger photos and more graphics. Boxes accompanying some articles provide event details, offer quick glances at useful information and reference online resources. A redesigned Mayor and Council page offers easy-to-find information about how to connect and engage with city elected officials. A ticker, in red at the bottom of most pages, offers short bursts of information. The newly designed calendar offers a more colorful, visual overview of upcoming city events in a single-page format that you can "clip 'n' keep."

The redesigned "Rockville Reports" print edition complements a new city news source: An online version of "Rockville Reports" at [rockvillereports.com](http://rockvillereports.com). The online version will include all the news of the print edition, with embedded video content, links to the city's website and regular updates throughout the month.

The print edition will continue to offer a monthly (or bimonthly, in the case of the May/June and July/August issues) roundup of the most important city news in a brighter, more dynamic format.

We hope that you'll join us online at [rockvillereports.com](http://rockvillereports.com) and we hope that you'll find that the changes we've made here go a long way toward making the print edition a better read and an easier way to find the latest news about your hometown. We welcome your feedback at [pio@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:pio@rockvillemd.gov).

## Search Launched for New City Manager

The Mayor and Council recently hired The Novak Consulting Group to conduct a national search for a new city manager.

The Mayor and Council have asked the consultant to hold two community outreach sessions to hear from residents and businesses. Those dates will be publicized through [rockvillemd.gov](http://rockvillemd.gov) and at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov), as they are scheduled.

Craig L. Simoneau was appointed Rockville's acting city manager in February. He succeeded Barbara B. Matthews, who served as city manager since October 2012.

The city manager implements the policies and strategic plans of the Mayor and Council, provides professional recommendations to the Mayor and Council, and oversees the day-to-day management of city operations. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/citymanager](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/citymanager).

## Rockville Pike Plan

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tion. If no action is taken by Aug. 10, the plan is automatically adopted as part of the comprehensive master plan.

Monday, Aug. 1 is the last Mayor and Council meeting before summer break, and the last opportunity to make a decision on the plan.

Planning staff will incorporate amendments into a revised document that the Mayor and Council will consider Monday, July 18.



ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE OFFICERS HONORED... The 27th Annual Rockville Public Safety Awards were held June 8 at Lakewood Country Club. Terrance N. Treschuk (far left), who retired June 1 after 27 years as Chief of Police, received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Officers receiving citations were (L to R) Cpl. Javier Baquero, Officer Daniel Morozewicz, Cpl. David Trogolo, Officer Brandon Thomas, Cpl. Phil Lew and Cpl. John Pfahler. Cpl. Ali Zeighani (not pictured) also received a citation. Find highlights of the awards ceremony at [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube).

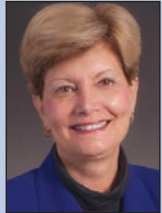


**WE'RE NO. 1:** Rockville, with 1,379 new residents, was the fastest-growing of Maryland's 157 incorporated cities from July 1, 2014-July 1, 2015, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Rockville was followed by Frederick: 1,148; Gaithersburg: 645; Annapolis: 634 and Bowie: 433. Baltimore is Maryland's most populous city (621,849 residents), followed by Frederick (69,479), Gaithersburg (67,456), Rockville (66,980) and Bowie (58,025). Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/trends](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/trends).





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**Upcoming Meetings: Mondays; July 11, 18 and Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.**

**Drop-in sessions** are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. *No appointment necessary.* Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by councilmembers Beryl L. Feinberg on **July 11** and Mark Pierzchala on **Aug. 1**.

## Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil).
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.

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# Mayor and Council Adopt \$126.3 Million Budget

## Property Tax Rate Remains Constant for the Ninth Consecutive Year

Rockville residents will pay the same property tax rate in Fiscal Year 2017 as they did last year, after the Mayor and Council on May 16 approved a budget that keeps the property tax rate steady for the ninth consecutive year.

Rockville's FY17 operating budget equals \$126.3 million. Budget highlights include support for improvements to city parks and facilities to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, additional summer camps at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and enhanced programming and support services for the city's senior population.

The FY17 budget represents

### SAVINGS BONDS

Refinancing debt, via a general obligations bond sale on July 18, is expected to save taxpayers about \$1.4 million.

a 2.3 percent, or \$2.9 million, increase over the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The 2017 fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2017.

Property tax rates will remain \$0.292 for real property and \$0.805 for personal property. Both of these rates are per \$100 of assessed value. The FY17 budget continues the city's supplement to the state of Maryland's Homeowner's Tax Credit, which provides real property tax credits to low- to

moderate-income homeowners for taxes due on their principal residence.

Based on the adopted FY17 rates, the average annual residential bills for city utilities for a family of four will increase by \$112.30, or 8 percent.

The Capital Improvements Program, the city's five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, includes \$22.1 million in new funding, combined with a carryover of \$45.6 million to support 49 projects.

To learn more about the city's FY17 budget, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget) or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✦

## County Council Passes Bill with Tax Relief for Seniors

Legislation passed in May by the Montgomery County Council will defer property tax increases for county residents 65 and older who have an annual income less than \$80,000.

Under the measure, seniors will be able to defer increases on their principal residence without any interest until they sell their homes, according to a press release from the council; \$80,000 is the median income for Montgomery County seniors. The deferral affects about half the county's senior population who pay county property taxes.

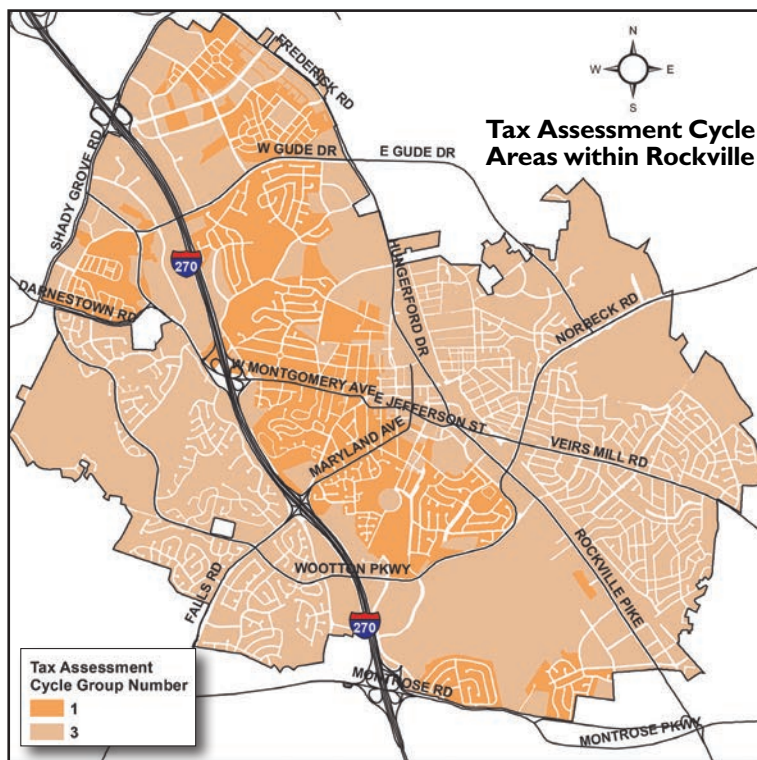
The legislation is modeled after programs in Howard County; Washington, D.C.; Boston; Minneapolis; Boulder County, Colorado; and King County, Washington.

"As our Council contemplates the County Executive's proposal to raise property taxes, providing relief to our seniors who are living on fixed incomes is particularly important and timely," Council Vice President Roger Berliner, a lead sponsor of the bill, stated in the press release. "This legislation protects seniors from an increase in property taxes at zero cost and can provide peace of mind for those seniors worried about having to sell their home to make ends meet."

Fourteen percent of Rockville's 61,209 residents were 65 and older, according to the 2010 Census.

The legislation goes into effect July 1.

For more information on Montgomery County Council's Bill 10-16, visit [http://bit.ly/moco\\_taxbill](http://bit.ly/moco_taxbill). ✦



## Understanding Property Tax Assessments

### Latest Round of Assessments Was in January

The City of Rockville charges all residents a real property tax that is based on the city's tax rate multiplied by the value of the property.

For Fiscal Year 2017, under the budget passed by the Mayor and Council on May 16 (see article on this page), the real property tax rate will remain at \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed value. FY17 begins July 1.

The State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) determines the assessed property value for all properties located in the City of Rockville by assessing real property every three years.

The City of Rockville contains two real property assessment areas, as determined by SDAT. Group 3 (in tan in the map above) was assessed in January 2015 and will be assessed again in January

2018. Group 1 (in orange) was assessed in January 2016 and will be assessed again in January 2019.

For homeowners, any increase to assessed value is phased in equally over a three-year period. Any decrease is fully factored into the first full levy (tax) year after the assessment.

All property owners in the City of Rockville receive one consolidated tax bill from Montgomery County. The city's fee for recycling and refuse collection will appear on these bills beginning in FY17. (See article about recycling and refuse changes on page 5.) Montgomery County tax bills are mailed in July.

To view tax bills, visit [www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/realpropertytax](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/realpropertytax). ✦

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- **Send an email** to [mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov) or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions). (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at [www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

## Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information.

- **July 6** Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7 p.m.
- **July 7** Environment Comm. 7 p.m.
- **July 9** Board of Appeals 9 a.m.\*
- **July 13, 27; Aug. 3** Planning Comm. 7 p.m.\*
- **July 19** Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **July 21** Historic District Comm. 7:30 p.m.\*
- **July 21** Senior Citizens Comm. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center.
- **July 26, Aug. 23** Traffic and Transportation Comm. 7:30 p.m.
- **July 27** Rockville Housing Enterprises Board of Commissioners 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Lane.
- **July 27** Human Rights Comm. 7:30 p.m.
- **July 28** Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. Rockville Senior Center.
- **Aug. 9** Human Services Advisory Comm. 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 10** Sign Review Board 9 a.m.

\*Televised on Rockville 11.

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council, c/o City Clerk, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280 or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

## Vacancies

The city is seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1 alt.)
- Board of Appeals (2)
- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Comm. (2)
- Cultural Arts Comm. (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Comm. (1 reg.; 1 alt.)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1)
- Human Rights Comm. (3)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Comm. (2 reg.; 1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (4)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (2)
- Sign Review Board (1)



**STAY INFORMED:** The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil). Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at [www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme) to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.





**Mentoring can be a rewarding experience for both teacher and student.**

### Mentoring Program Seeks to Connect Mentors and Young Students

Rockville's mentoring program can be as worthwhile for the mentors as it is for the young people whose lives those mentors influence. This year's program was a success with 57 children and mentors.

The program is searching for high school students (age 16 and older) and adults to offer guidance, friendship and encouragement to elementary school students. No special skills are required, just a willingness to devote an hour a week from October to May to work with a child. Volunteers are screened and interviewed before the program begins.

Mentors receive training before they start and coaching and support along the way. Student Service Learning credits are available to high school students. The program is run by the city's Community Services Division in partnership with the county school system.

Learn more about how you can help a young person. Contact Kate Bouwkamp at 240-314-8317 or [kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov) or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mentoring).

### Summer Mental Health Counseling Available for Kids

Counseling is available this summer for kids 18 and younger through the Rockville Community Services Division. The counseling is for children, youth and families experiencing mild mental health problems related to their personal, social or family well-being.

The Community Services Division is certified as a regional youth services provider and offers formal counseling to young people and their families who live in or attend schools located within Rockville city limits.

Referrals are usually made by family members, school staff or county agencies. On referral, a psychosocial intake assessment is completed, a treatment plan formulated with the client and weekly counseling scheduled.

Sessions are held in the Community Services Division office at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or in the guidance offices of Rockville, Wootton and Richard Montgomery high schools.

For a counseling referral or for more information, contact James M. Miller, youth and family counselor, at 240-314-8318 or [jmiller@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jmiller@rockvillemd.gov).

## Mayor and Council Funds Economic Development, Approves New Programs

The Rockville Mayor and Council approved on June 20 a three-year agreement with Rockville Economic Development Inc. that outlays \$556,770 in funding for the nonprofit organization.

"We look forward to continuing to serve the Mayor and Council, residents and business community of Rockville as the economic development agency helping businesses to launch, locate and expand in the City of Rockville," said REDI Executive Director Laurie Boyer.

The Mayor and Council also approved funding for businesses seeking to grow or relocate in Rockville.

Boyer listed some of the organization's accomplishments over the past four years.

- Publishing REDI's first-ever annual report to easily provide information to the Mayor and Council, businesses and residents about major events and highlights related to Rockville's business community. It is available on the REDI website.



**Laurie Boyer**

- Successfully completing REDI's first audit with very few recommendations, highlighting the fact that they are efficiently and effectively utilizing funding to enhance business development and growth in the city.
- REDI's Maryland Women's Business Center program became a Small Business Administration-recognized center, providing support and assistance to women entrepreneurs and women-owned businesses.
- Establishing new events to provide support to local companies, including the REDI Resource Meetup program and Commercial Broker B2B Breakfast.

Find out more about REDI at <http://rockvilleredi.org>. REDI is located at 51 Monroe St. ✦



**(Top)** This statue of Mattie J.T. Stepanek sits at the center of a peace garden in the King Farm neighborhood park named for the author, poet and peace advocate.

**(Bottom)** Wilma Shelton Bell Park, located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, is named for a longtime Rockville resident and activist.

## Mayor and Council Revisit Town Center Parking

Parking meters, fees and signage were among the topics of a June 13 Mayor and Council discussion about parking in Rockville Town Center.

The discussion was a follow-up to a Feb. 25 work session, during which the Mayor and Council met with parking area owner/operators, merchants and parking users. Participants at that session said that parking fees and expired parking meter fines, as well as customers' inability to find parking, is putting merchants at a disadvantage when competing with other retail districts that offer free parking.

On June 13, the Mayor and Council requested an estimate of the cost to hire a consultant to perform a comprehensive review of how to improve directional and parking signage in

Town Center. The Mayor and Council want to consider the rates charged by the city's parking meters, the hours the meters are in effect, the fines for meter violations and the idea of instituting a grace period before a parking violation ticket is issued.

Merchants have said they would also like the city to amend its sign ordinance to allow larger and more prominently placed signs indicating parking areas, something the Mayor and Council will consider.

Find a parking map, information about parking discounts and more at [www.rockvilleparking.com](http://www.rockvilleparking.com).

Find more information about city parking at [www.rockvillemd.gov/parking](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/parking) and under the June 13 meeting listing at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter). ✦

## Mayor and Council Want Input on Naming Policy

Rockville's Mayor and Council are developing a comprehensive naming and commemoration policy and want community input.

The draft policy outlines procedures for naming public properties, as well as recognizing individuals or groups that have played a significant role in Rockville. Recognition can be in the form of naming a city property, installing a commemorative plaque or naming an award.

Under the policy, requests will be reviewed by the appropriate advisory board, which will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council for a final decision. The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board will take requests for naming parks and recreation facilities. Requests for nam-

ing bridges will go to the Traffic and Transportation Commission, and the Environmental Commission will oversee requests for naming storm water management ponds.

Under the draft policy's suggested guidelines, priority is given to names of geographical, historical or cultural significance. Properties can be named after individuals or groups that have made a significant financial or civic contribution to Rockville. Any request that commemorates an individual who has died won't take place until at least a year after the person's death.

The draft policy is available at <http://rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?NID=1934>. Contact Louise Atkins at 240-314-8106 or email at [latkins@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:latkins@rockvillemd.gov) to share your comments. ✦

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**POPULAR ROCKVILLE II YOUTUBE VIDEOS FOR JUNE:** Rockville Memorial Day Parade 2016, Evolution of a Dancer Mural, Acting Chief of Police, "Rock II Now" June, Hometown Holidays 2016 Recap, Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony 2016. Find these and more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube).





**LOCAL ARTISTS LENT THEIR TALENTS...** *The Rockville Storm Drain Mural Project, sponsored by the city and VisArts, is helping to educate the public about the impact collective actions have on local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Artists decorated city storm drains in Twinbrook with original mural designs related to how storm drains – and what goes into them – impact the health of local waterways. A walking tour of the murals begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 at the Twinbrook Metro Station. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/stormdrainmural](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/stormdrainmural).*

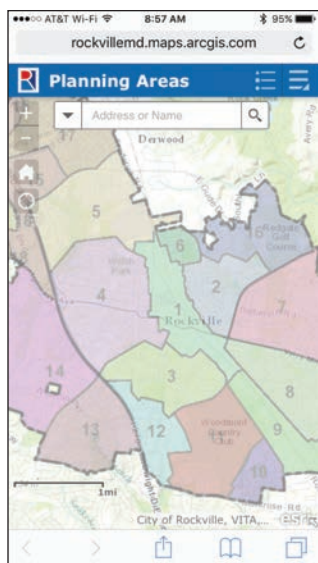
## City Launches All-New Web Maps and Map Pages

Whether it's a map of Rockville's neighborhood associations, planning areas, recycling and refuse pick-up or simply knowing where the working street lights are, you can find it all at one easy-to-use online web address: <http://maps.rockvillemd.gov>.

As it moves toward more advanced technology, Rockville's GIS Division has migrated its diverse portfolio of existing web-based maps to a new application template.

Benefits of the new maps include a consistent interface and user experience, a responsive design that adjusts to the assorted screen sizes of phones and tablets, and an integrated search function that can find not only address locations, but also map-specific features by their attribute values. In all, more than 24 maps were moved to the site and two new maps created. An "About" button on the toolbar of each map brings up a user guide.

The expanded resource



on the city's website hosts a set of featured web maps along with entry to a new, comprehensive map gallery and to the GIS Open Data site. The map gallery is searchable, sortable, and includes the full set of city web maps along with maps from other sources such as Montgomery County Planning.

Other maps include election districts and polling places, walking tours, and planning and zoning information. ❖

## Recycling and Refuse Changes Affect Billing and Plastic Bags, Begin July 1

*Refuse Fee to Appear on County Tax Bills; Plastic Bags No Longer Recycled*

Residential customers of the city's recycling and refuse service will find the charge for the service on a different bill in July and will no longer be able to recycle plastic bags via city recycling carts.

The city's fee for recycling and refuse collection will appear on Montgomery County real property bills beginning

in July. Formerly, the city billed customers directly for recycling and refuse collection service. The Mayor and Council approved the change, which will impact only residential customers, in May as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. Customers will continue to receive recycling and refuse collection service from the city's Department of Public Works.

Learn more about the budget on page 3 and more

about moving the charge to the county tax bills at [www.rockvillemd.gov/refusebill](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/refusebill).

In another change, the city will no longer accept plastic bags in city recycling carts. This includes plastic bags that are grouped into one bag and placed in the cart as well as bags used to bundle other materials for recycling. Instead, customers should

look for grocery and retail stores that have plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find more information, including a drop-off locator identifying stores that accept the bags for recycling, at <http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how/plastic-bags.html>.

The change was made due to costly damage that the bags are causing to the processing and sorting equipment. ❖

### LEARN MORE:

For FAQs about the refuse charge on county tax bills, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/refusebill](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/refusebill).

## Public Works Projects Focus on Protecting Clean Water

The city's Department of Public Works is making progress on three projects that will restore a stream and a stormwater management facility, and enhance a watershed.

The Dogwood Stream Restoration Project is expected to begin in early July in the north end of Dogwood Park, between Monroe Street and Cabin John Parkway. The project, which is expected to take a year, includes restoring 1,400 linear feet of stream to prevent erosion adjacent to private property in Waddington Park. It also will stabilize two storm drain outfalls and protect sewer infrastructure. For more information, contact Jim Woods at [jwoods@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jwoods@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8521.

Improvements to the King Farm – Watkins Pond stormwater management facility, at 300 Watkins Overlook, include removing sediment, restoring destabilized stream, planting more than 60 trees and installing devices to limit beaver-related flooding. Sediment buildup has reduced the pond's ability to slow water

flow and reduce pollution from a 300-acre drainage area. Construction is expected to begin in September and last until spring 2017, weather permitting. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/watkinspondproject](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/watkinspondproject) or contact Gabe Kosarek at [gkosarek@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:gkosarek@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8513.

The city is preparing bid solicitations for the Upper Watts Branch Park Forest Preserve Environment Restoration Project, with a goal of beginning construction this fall in the park between West Gude Drive and Nelson Street. Erosion in Watts Branch is degrading the quality of the stream's water, which ultimately flows into the Chesapeake Bay. The project will include stream restoration, stormwater management, wetland enhancement, reforestation and protection of utilities adjacent to the park. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/upperwatts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/upperwatts) or contact John Hollida at [jhollida@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jhollida@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8526. ❖

## It Takes a Community to Fight the Bite of Mosquitoes

*Eliminating Standing Water Where Bites Can Breed is Key*

They're annoying, their bites are itchy and they can spread disease, including the Zika virus. Summer means mosquito season. And if you see mosquitoes near your home, it means they're likely your neighbors.

Mosquitoes travel up to 300 feet from where they breed. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Mosquito Control program recommends a communitywide effort to reduce mosquito breeding areas. Eliminating standing water in and around your home is key. Mosquitoes need water to stand for at least five days in order to breed, but a container as small as a bottle cap is all they need. Community members are encouraged to share the following tips with neighbors:

Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water such as flowerpots, watering cans, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, old tires, boats, tarps, and garbage cans and lids. Tightly cover water storage containers (e.g. rain barrels). For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito. Clean gutters and downspout screens regularly. Position drain pipes to ensure drainage. Fill in low spots in yards, where water pools. Use screens on windows and doors and repair holes in screens.

For more information, including links to resources from Montgomery County, MDA and the Centers for Disease Control, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/mosquito](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mosquito).



**Rockville resident Norman Braveman was one of 63 homeowners, including 43 within the city, who went solar through the Rockville Solar Co-op last year.**

## New Opportunity to Go Solar

*Co-op Will Build on Record Success of 2015*

Looking to go solar? Rockville, in partnership with Montgomery County and the City of Takoma Park, is offering a new solar co-op opportunity this summer. Based on the same principle as buying in bulk, the group will go through the process of going solar together by working with a local nonprofit MD SUN to select an installer for rooftop solar panel systems.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes).

Last year, Rockville's became the largest solar co-op ever in Maryland, resulting in 63 signed contracts and ultimately creating a total installed system size of 442 kilowatts – large enough to generate an estimated 11.7 million kilowatt-hours of clean energy over the next 20 years.

Learn more about the co-op's success at [www.mdsun.org/2016/06/02/solar-booms-in-rockville-as-new-montgomery-county-co-ops-forms](http://www.mdsun.org/2016/06/02/solar-booms-in-rockville-as-new-montgomery-county-co-ops-forms). Read about one resident's experience at <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2016/solar-right-one-resident-examines-options>.



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## F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Premieres Improved Ticket Purchasing System

ShoWare, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre's new on-line ticketing system, will go live July 1.

Patrons will experience better graphics and find it easier to buy tickets to print at home.

Users will also be able to view their purchasing history, check out an interactive seating map and donate to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The theater will be closed for events and performances in August and early September while it undergoes several renovation projects:

- Behind the theater, a new surface lot will significantly expand accessible parking options.
- The social hall will be updated to provide enhanced space for meetings and events, as well as a new entryway for those using the rear parking lots.
- The theater's house will undergo roof reinforcement, allowing more flexibility for advanced lighting and sound technology.

The box office will be open throughout construction, 2-7 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) to buy tickets and for more information, or call the box office at 240-314-8690.

The theater has two productions scheduled for June

and July:

"Do Not Disturb," presented by the Forgotten Opera Company (the Victorian Lyric Opera Company's alter ego for producing contemporary works), 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 29.

"Rent" by Rockville Musical Theatre, will hold eight performances from July 8-24.

Rockville Civic Ballet will hold its yet-to-be-announced **summer production** at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30, and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 31. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$13 for children 12 years old or younger, and \$13 for seniors 60 or older.

**Subscription packages** for 2016-2017 are available for the following shows: "Rent," July 8-24; "Jake's Women," Sept. 23-Oct. 2; "Shrek, the Musical," Oct. 28-Nov. 13; "The Miracle Worker," Feb. 3-12; "Book of Days," May 5-14.

Subscribers save when they buy two, three or all five shows. Benefits include the same seat and a great view all season, savings over single tickets and complimentary exchanges. Packages start at \$32.

Call 240-314-8690 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) for pricing, order forms and more information.

Please note that the Cultural Arts Commission has no meetings in August and July. ❖

**ROCKVILLE**  
**SUMMER PROGRAMS**



**Still looking for something for your kids to do this summer?**

Limited spaces remain in the following programs, so register today!

- More than 60 camps
- Summer Playgrounds, a supervised, drop-in program
- Teens on the Go day trips for teens

**www.rockvillemd.gov/guide**

  
**www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube**

**ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPT. SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Don't advertise vacation plans. Have a trusted neighbor, friend or relative check on your home while you are away. Stop mail and paper deliveries. Set timers on lights in rooms that are normally used.
- Always lock bicycles to a stationary object, a hardened steel u-shaped lock is preferable.
- When working in the yard, make sure front, rear and garage doors are locked.

## Glenview Gallery to Exhibit Quilts, Sculpture and Paintings

**July 10-29**

- Opening reception: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 5.
- Lois Smith & Friends — art quilts.
- Late Bloomers — oil pastel paintings, "Come Bloom with Us."

**Aug. 7-26**

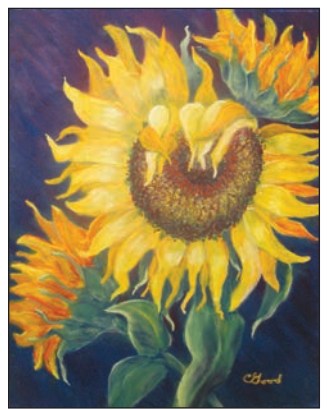
- Opening reception: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7.
- Marilyn Simon — sculpture and mixed media, "Playful All the Way Through."
- Deanne Cellarosi — oil painting, "The Horse in Sport and Landscape."
- Carla Steckley — photography, "Reverence for Trees."

### Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Concerts will be held at 2 p.m. in the Glenview Mansion Conservatory.

On Sunday, July 10 enjoy **Unstrung**. Unstrung has performed around the Washington metropolitan region for over 15 years, varying in instrumentation from a duo to a quintet. The group's unique approach to jazz centers on the violin as lead instrument.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, listen



**Sun Burst, by C. Good.**

to **Harmonic Introductions**, a vocal ensemble dedicated to the art of overtone singing.

Glenview Gallery is located at the mansion in Rockville Civic Center, 603 Edmonston Drive, and is open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

The exhibitions and concerts are free and open to the public. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery) for more information. ❖



**Harmonic Introductions.**

## Bike Rockville This Summer with RBAC

*Neighborhood Rides are Held Every Tuesday*

Rockville was recently reaffirmed a "Bicycle Friendly Community" at the bronze level by the League of American Bicyclists. The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) meets monthly, represents a broad range of bicycling interests and hosts free bicycle rides throughout the summer. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac) and join RBAC on these FREE, family-friendly rides:

**Tuesday Evening Bike Rides** at 6:30 p.m. on July 5, 12, 19 and 26 (meet at Best Western, 1251 W. Montgomery Ave.) and Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 (meet at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive). These casual neighborhood rides will be 60-90 minutes long, on paved, shared-use paths, some sidewalks and streets with traffic.

**Ride Rockville's Bicycle Beltway** at 10 a.m. on

Sunday, July 10 (meet at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive) and Sunday, Aug. 14 (meet at Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway). Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, a shared-use path that makes a 10.6-mile loop around Rockville. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

**Kidical Mass Family Rides** at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16 (meet at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane); and Saturday, Aug. 20 (meet in front of the King Farm Village Center Safeway, at 403 Redland Blvd.). Ride shared-use paths, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets. The ride will be at the pace of the slowest rider.

For more information about bicycling in Rockville, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling). ❖



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FARMERS MARKET  
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E. Jefferson & Monroe St.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!  
FREE. SEE PAGE 1.

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at Best Western,  
1252 W. Montgomery Ave.

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 p.m. **TFCC**

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
NATURE SENSES  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

BY ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE. SEE PAGE 6. **FSF**

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ART GALLERY OPENING & SUNDAY CONCERT.  
FREE. SEE PAGE 6.  
1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
7 p.m.

READING ROCKS. Start of 5-day program for ages 6-10. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **TFCC**

HISTORY ALIVE: DR. SALLY RIDE  
1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at Best Western,  
1252 W. Montgomery Ave.

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 p.m. **TFCC**

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
LIFE UNDER A LOG  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

BY ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE. SEE PAGE 6. **FSF**

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BY ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE. SEE PAGE 6. **FSF**

NEXT TO LAST MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE AUG. RECESS 7 p.m.

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at Best Western,  
1252 W. Montgomery Ave.

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 p.m. **TFCC**

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
FEATHERS AND FUR  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

BY ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE. SEE PAGE 6. **FSF**

YOGA IN THE PARK  
FREE. 9 a.m. Isreal Park, 357 Frederick Ave.

CELEBRATE HONEYBEES  
1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

FARMERS MARKET & SALUTE TO NONPROFITS  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. E. Jefferson & Monroe St.

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BY ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE. SEE PAGE 6. **FSF**

CRAB FEAST & KARAOKE NIGHT  
5-7:30 p.m. **SR**

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at Best Western,  
1252 W. Montgomery Ave.

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 p.m. **TFCC**

ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET SUMMER PRODUCTION  
7:30 p.m. **FSF**

FARMERS MARKET  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
E. Jefferson & Monroe St.

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ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET SUMMER PRODUCTION  
2 p.m. **FSF**

LAST MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 12  
7 p.m.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS.

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at **GM**

MOVIES IN THE PARKS  
8 p.m. 'Inside Out,'  
Montrose Park,  
451 Congressional Ln.

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
SNAKES AND TURTLES  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

FARMERS MARKET  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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ART GALLERY OPENING & SUNDAY CONCERT.  
FREE. SEE PAGE 6.  
1:30-3:30 p.m. **GM**

TINY TOTS DINOSAUR PARTY  
10 a.m.-noon **TFCC**

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at **GM**

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 P.M. **TFCC**

MOVIES IN THE PARKS  
8 p.m. 'Finding Nemo' **GM**

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
SUPER SEEDS  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

FARMERS MARKET  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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CREEK CRAWL  
2-3:30 p.m. **CC**

LAST HURRAH. Start of 10-day 'end of summer' camp for ages 5-12. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **TCRC**

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at **GM**

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 P.M. **TFCC**

MOVIES IN THE PARKS  
8 p.m. 'The Sandlot,'  
Woodley Gardens Park,  
900 Nelson St.

POLLIWOG ADVENTURES:  
BUTTERFLIES AND BUGS  
10-11 a.m. **CC**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL JAM 6-8:30 p.m. **LPCC**

SATURDAY STORY AND HIKE  
Ages 2-5. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

FARMERS MARKET  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at **GM**

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 P.M. **TFCC**

MOVIES IN THE PARKS  
8 p.m. 'Up,' Falls Grove Park,  
700 Falls Grove Dr.

GAMES 2 GO  
FREE. 5:30-7 p.m. Isreal Park, 357 Frederick Ave.

FARMERS MARKET  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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TOTALLY TEENS  
Grades 6-10 afterschool program begins.  
3:15-6:30 p.m. **TFCC**

RBAC EVENING BIKE RIDES  
FREE 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet at **GM**

DROP-IN PICKLE BALL 7-9 p.m. **TFCC**

- FACILITIES LEGEND:
- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
  - GM** Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
  - FSF** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.
  - LPCC** Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
  - CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
  - SR** Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.
  - RSFC** Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
  - TFCC** Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
  - TCRC** Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.

FOR MORE INFO. AND MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING: [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR)



## Sign Up for League Sports

Fall Registration is Open

Rockville's youth sports leagues are open for registration, this year with a new early bird rate. Register by Thursday, Aug. 25 and save \$10.

The deadline to register for soccer and cross country is Thursday, Sept. 1.

The registration deadline for the 12 and under tennis tournament is Friday, Aug. 12, with the tournament set to take place on Saturday, Aug. 27; for the 10 and under tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 19. The tournament is set to take place Saturday, Sept. 3

Adult league registration is also open for men's softball, men's basketball, co-rec reverse softball, women's volleyball, co-rec volleyball and co-rec soccer 7s. New to men's softball this fall is a 50-and-over league on Thursday evenings.

Team registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the league is closed.

Register at any Rockville facility. For details and to register online, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports), email [sports@rockville.gov](mailto:sports@rockville.gov), or call 240-314-8620.

This year marks the 41st annual 10K/5K race, set to take place on Sunday, Nov. 6, in King Farm Village Center. For more information and to register, visit [www.rockville10k5k.com](http://www.rockville10k5k.com).

Don't forget to like the City of Rockville Sports Leagues Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Rockville.Sports.Leagues](http://www.facebook.com/Rockville.Sports.Leagues).

## Sign Up for Summer Camp Season

Don't forget, now that school's out for summer, that Rockville's summer camps are open – and limited spaces remain!

Camps are open to city residents and non-residents age 3-16 with single and multi-week options. The camp season runs June 21-Aug. 24.

Three two-week sessions will run from June 27-Aug. 5 at the following camps:

- **Way Off Broadway** at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (ages 8-12).
- **Field Trip Camps** based at Lakewood Elementary School: Campventures (ages 7-9) and Quest (ages 10-12).

Specialty camps are also taking registrations:

- **UK Elite Soccer** at Welsh Park (ages 5-7 or 8-12).
- **10 and Under Tennis** (ages 7-10) at King Farm Park.
- **Funfit Summer Adventure** at Thomas Farm Community Center (ages 3-5).
- **Dei Lab — Lego Invention Camp** (ages 5-7 and 8-11) at Thomas Farm Community Center.
- **Abakadoodle** (ages 6-12) at Rockville Senior Center.

Spaces are still available in extended-day camps, including Summer Blast (ages 5-11), Early Risers (before care) and Home Stretch (after care) at College Gardens and Lakewood elementary schools, and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

Additional camps at Rockville's community centers are also still taking registration:

- **Dramatic Kids** (ages 7-10) from Aug. 1-5, at Thomas Farm Community Center.
- **Reading Rocks!** (ages 6-10) from July 11-15 or 18-22 at Thomas Farm Community Center.
- **Don't Forget About August** (ages 5-13), from Aug. 8-12 and/or 15-19 at Lincoln Park Community Center.
- **Last Hurrah** (ages 5-12), from Aug. 15-19 and 22-26, at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.
- **Dance Moves!** (ages 6-10) from July 25-29, at Thomas Farm Community Center.

Register through [rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov) or at City Hall or any recreation facility. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/camps](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/camps) or email [camps@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:camps@rockvillemd.gov) (messages will be returned by the next business day) or call 240-314-8620.

# Historic Walking Tours Made Easier with Smartphone Technology

Enjoying Rockville's two historic downtown walking tours just became as easy as using your smartphone.

"Story maps" for the Lost Rockville and African-American Heritage walking tours have been developed and can be followed on any internet- and GPS-enabled phone or tablet. Until now, history buffs wanting to fol-

### CHECK OUT THE MAPS

- [www.rockvillemd.gov/HistoricRockvilleTour](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/HistoricRockvilleTour)
- [www.rockvillemd.gov/AfricanAmericanHistoryTour](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AfricanAmericanHistoryTour)

low the walks had to visit City Hall or the offices of Peerless Rockville for brochures that include a map and tour stop descriptions. Now, they can visit the website for each walk (see the accompanying box for links), or scan a QR code on plaques at each historic site. QR codes can be scanned with a smartphone.

Walkers viewing each location on their tablet or smartphone can see a list of each historic location, a map of the route, and can



also click on a "media" tab to see accompanying vintage photos or click through to read about each site in more detail.

Those who want to tour from the comfort of their home can also view the story

maps online from any personal computer.

The Lost Rockville walking tour was created in 2001 by the Rockville Historic District Commission, and includes 15 sites along its 3-mile path, beginning

with St. Mary's Church. The African-American Heritage walking tour runs 2 miles and includes 18 locations. It was established in 2012 by the Department of Community Planning and Development Services. ✚

## Citywide Meetings Are Over, But Work Continues on Rockville 2040

The fourth open session of Rockville 2040, held June 14 at VisArts, capped an intense public engagement process that included a kickoff meeting, 35 listening sessions and three citywide forums.

The meetings, part of the ongoing process to update the city's comprehensive master plan, attracted more than 100 citizens who joined city officials and staff to think about Rockville's future.

Participants worked in groups, generating more than 500 ideas on master plan elements, including land use, housing, community facilities, environment, water resources, historical preservation, economic development and transportation. Based on attendees' input, staff crafted eight to 10 policy statements

for each area, for participants to review and comment on during the fourth meeting. Staff also encouraged attendees to draw their vision for Rockville's future on table-sized maps — one for the entire city, one for Montgomery College in relation to Town Center, one for Town Center as it connects to the Rockville Metro station and the city's east side, and one for the Veirs Mill corridor.

Though the meetings have ended, the work has not. Staff will present a report on the sessions to the Planning Commission in July. For more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040) or sign up for notifications by emailing [masterplan@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:masterplan@rockvillemd.gov). ✚



**ROCKVILLE SENIORS, INC. (RSI) CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER...** RSI presented a check for \$20,000 to the City of Rockville to support the Rockville Senior Center during the annual Senior Center volunteer appreciation and RSI board elections on June 21. RSI is an 11-member nonprofit created by the Mayor and Council to ensure that the quality of life of all Rockville senior citizens is improved through a properly supported senior center. RSI recruits volunteers to run the gift and thrift shop, book sales and bazaars, and weekly bingo. Proceeds from these fundraisers, and from donations, support center needs such as supplies, furniture and equipment. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rsi](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rsi).



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**BACK IN THE DAY:** From the August 1964 "City of Rockville Newsletter," we learned that Miss Maryland, Donna Marie McCauley — a Rockville resident of First Street — was given the key to the city by Mayor Frank A. Ecker. McCauley was set to compete in the Miss America contest to be held in Atlantic City. The key was "a key emblem with the City Seal," the newsletter stated.